

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 27, 2009

REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, April 27, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tempore Bridget Powers presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Kevin Hanley, Bill Kirby, Bridget Powers

Council Members Absent: Keith Nesbitt, J. M. Holmes

Staff Members Present: City Manager Robert Richardson, City Attorney Michael Colantuono, Senior Planner Reg Murray, Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogio, Public Works Director Jack Warren, Engineering Division Manager Bernie Schroeder, Transit Analyst Megan Siren, Administrative Services Director Andy Heath, Administrative Manager Joanna Belanger, Police Chief Valerie Harris

MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclamation: May is Bike Month

AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Kirby asked that Item 5 removed from the agenda and heard when a full Council was present.

By **MOTION** approve the agenda with the exclusion of Item 5. **MOTION: Hanley/Kirby/Approved by Voice (Absent: Holmes, Nesbitt)**

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Authorization to Apply for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant**

By **RESOLUTION 09-54** authorize the Police Department to submit an application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.

2. **Notification of Application for the Placer County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee Grant**

By **MOTION** authorize the Police Department to accept grant funds if they are awarded for the purpose of purchasing one Automated License Plate Recognition (LPR) System and the accompanying hardware and software.

3. **Financial Advisory Professional Services Agreement – Urban Futures, Inc.**

By **RESOLUTION 09-55** authorize the City Manager or his designee to approve a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Auburn and Urban Futures, Inc. to provide Financial Advisory Services related to the proposed issuance of Wastewater Treatment Facility Revenue Bonds/Certificates of Participation.

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

By **MOTION** approve the Consent Calendar. **MOTION: Hanley/Kirby/ Approved 3:0 (Absent; Holmes, Nesbitt)**

4. **Public Comment**

None.

REPORTS

5. **Informational Reports from Staff**

Police Chief Valerie Harris – Quarterly Report tabled indefinitely.

6. **City Council Committee Reports**

Council Member Kirby commented on the Performing Arts Center's inaugural event at the State Theater. He said it was well done and "speaks well of the future of our community having those types of events."

COUNCIL BUSINESS

7. **Appointment of Auburn Arts Commissioners**

Mayor Pro Tem Powers announced that the Arts Commission recommended four new Commissioners for Council approval. City Manager Richardson explained the selection process. Mayor Pro Tem Powers advised that there was one more applicant that the Commission would possibly like to assign as a liaison to the Council. She said that

position would be created and placed on a future agenda for Council approval.

Arts Commission Chair Louise Burda Gilbert stated that there were other applicants who withdrew their applications for various reasons. She said a total of eight applicants were initially considered.

By **RESOLUTION 09-56** appoint applicants to the Auburn Arts Commission. **MOTION: Hanley/Kirby/Approved 3:0 (Absent; Nesbitt/Holmes)**

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| 1. | Marti Niles | Commissioner at-large
Term ending 10/31/09 |
| 2. | Mary Beauchamp | Commissioner at-large
Term ending 10/31/09 |
| 3. | Kristin Aplin | Local Arts
Term ending 8/31/11 |
| 4. | Lee Buckingham | Architect
Term ending 8/31/11 |

8. **Auburn Transit Special Route**

Transit Analyst Megan Siren advised that Council had previously requested staff to provide a proposal for a bus route to be utilized for special events in Auburn. She said that during the weekend of May 16-17 there will be a Home Show at the fairgrounds, the Endurance Expo at the School Park Preserve and the Antique Fair in Old Town. She said the special route for that weekend would provide stops at the fairgrounds, Elder Station, the School Park Preserve and Old Town. She advised of the times of operation and approximated the route at 15 minute headways. She said the cost to the City would be \$1,300.00.

Council Member Kirby advised that the action generated from a conversation he had regarding the Mandarin Festival and how to bring people into the community. He said that he and the Mayor have had conversations with local businesses and the Chamber of Commerce. He said it is really a test to see if there will be additional ridership during the events. He advised that it would be a one-time trial to measure the success of the operation. He said flyers would be available at the fairgrounds to announce the free shuttle service. He said if it proved to be successful, Council approval would then be sought for other significant events.

Council Member Hanley asked if there was a way to measure ridership each day. Ms. Siren advised that the tally could be provided to the Council. He asked how the money to be used for the bus service would have otherwise been expended.

Engineering Division Manager Bernie Schroeder advised that it is the recommendation of the staff not to use transit monies. She said with that use there is an obligation to charge a fare.

City Manager Richardson advised that staff recommended it be paid out of the General Fund. He said typically this type of funding comes from the Economic Development Commission, but its funding has tightened considerably under the current budgetary conditions. He said within the next few months staff will return to Council with different proposals for community support efforts.

Council Member Hanley stated that he appreciates Council Member Kirby's goal to encourage people to visit Old Town and Downtown. He said that he would support the one-time trial, but is a little bit skeptical about ridership. He said out-of-town visitors may prefer the convenience of their own vehicles. He said a booth supported by the business community that provides information about Auburn venues may be just as successful.

By **MOTION** authorize the additional special route for Transit on the weekend of May 16-17, 2009 with the understanding it is a test only, and that staff will report back to the Council on its success. **MOTION:**
Kirby/Hanley/Approved by Voice (Absent; Nesbitt, Holmes)

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Powers adjourned the meeting in honor of Helen Roper to the meeting of the Auburn Urban Development Authority.

Bridget Powers, Mayor Pro Tempore

Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk